

Paul Memorial Library
Newfields, New Hampshire
Board of Trustees Minutes
July 29, 2008

Present: Larry Arend, Trustee; Peter Allen, Trustee; Kim Crisp, Trustee; Rachel Priest, Librarian

Larry Arend called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Board of Trustees General Discussion:

Concerning the recent flooding in the basement: Larry spoke to Mark McDonald of Sandbox Excavation (the company that recently installed the French drains), and Mark said that in theory, the French drains should work. Mark told Larry that sometimes it may take a couple of rainstorms to pack down the dirt. Mitigation of the problem was further discussed: we could dig around the foundation and go to the footings and seal it, or we could cut a six inch drain around the exterior walls and install a sump pump.

After some discussion, the board concluded that due to the long-term nature of the flooding problem, we should hire a storm water engineer to assess the drainage issue. Both Kim and Peter are going to investigate possible engineers.

Kim reported that the Dennis Robinson lecture is scheduled at the town hall for Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Larry reported that the Martin's are still in the process of selecting a gazebo for the library back yard and will notify us after they have selected one.

Librarian's Report:

Rachel noted that she had submitted the annual library report to the state for 2007.

She said the summer reading program is going great.

Rachel has moved the young adult section from the back room to the area by the front desk due to the content of some of the books, which may be inappropriate for small children.

She announced that the library is the recipient of a "Picturing America" grant she applied for last January. In September, the library will receive a series of posters reflecting various periods of American art. Rachel is formulating ideas for the fall art show and hopes to plan it around the arrival of the art posters.

Rachel advised the board that she will be gone for a few days in August and has arranged coverage for that time.

She has written a computer policy, which the board approved. Rachel is also going to implement a parental permission slip policy for computer users under eighteen years of age.

Treasurer's Report:

Peter reported he was going to close the library's Ocean National account in the upcoming week.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Paul Memorial Library Board of Trustees is Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Crisp
Board Secretary